

CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)



Do You Like ...

... working with your hands?

... talking to people?

... solving problems?

... using basic math skills?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of an HVAC technician, including:

- » Installing and repairing heating and air conditioning systems.
- » Testing individual components to determine necessary repairs.
- » Learning how to use specific HVAC tools and equipment.
- » Developing customer service skills.
- » Connecting gas heating, electric heating, cooling systems, and heat pumps (optional).

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

- » Dependability
- » Attention to detail
- » Cooperation
- » Problem-solving
- » Integrity
- » Persistence

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as an HVAC technician, including having:

- » Basic math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests

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CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you **succeed in your career**. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a center-based Construction training area can earn **nationally recognized credentials** from organizations such as the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

Students training in union-affiliated and national-contracted programs, such as the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC), International Masonry Institute (IMI), International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), National Industry Joint Apprenticeship Trust Fund (NPIJATF), Home Builders Institute (HBI), Transportation Communications Union (TCU), and United Auto Workers (UAW), can earn a pre-apprentice certificate of completion that offers registered apprenticeship opportunities and on-the-job experience.



CAREER OPTIONS

Most **Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) graduates go to work for construction contractors, while others are self-employed**. HVAC technicians spend most of the workday on their feet, installing or repairing heating and air conditioning systems. Most HVAC technicians work full time with occasional evening or weekend shifts. During peak heating and cooling seasons, however, technicians normally work overtime or irregular hours.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most HVAC technicians is **\$46,000/year**.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit mynextmove.org.



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